

Wallace head of Rock River Clinic

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JEFFERSON — Kristin Wallace has been hired to serve as the first executive director of the Rock River Free Clinic, the facility's board of directors has announced.

Wallace, who began her tenure on June 1, received her bachelor of arts degree in 1985 from DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., where she majored in psychology and business administration. She graduated with a master of health services administration degree from Arizona State University in 1992.

Wallace then spent nine years in various management and administrative roles at Mayo Clinic Scottsdale. When she and her family moved back to the Midwest, she assumed the leadership role at The Women's Connection in the Quad Cities, a women's education and networking membership organization.

In 2006, the Wallaces relocated to Fort Atkinson when her husband, Mike, was hired as CEO at Fort Healthcare. Kristin Wallace joined the Fort Atkinson Area Chamber of Commerce as the tourism manager, gaining valuable marketing experience. She left that position to become executive director at United Way of Jefferson and North Walworth Counties.

She has been active in the community and has served or currently is serving on the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation Board of Directors, School District of Fort Atkinson School Board of Education, Community Dental Clinic Board, Fort Atkinson Historical Society, Fort Atkinson Swim Team Board, Fort Healthcare Women Who Care and Gala Committees and Fort Healthy Community Coalition, and as a Girl Scout leader.

"We are looking forward to moving into this new era," Rock River Free Clinic Board Chair Gretchen Geist commented. "For over 12 years, a very dedicated board of directors has coordinated all aspects of the clinic operations, from writing grants to coordinating volunteers to developing policy.

"We feel fortunate that we were able to hire an executive director who can now lead the clinic on a day-to-day basis so the board can focus on strategic decisions and long-range planning," she added. "With her background in healthcare administration, nonprofit management and community involvement, Kristin will be a great asset for the clinic as we strive to fulfill our mission in the community to serve our neighbors who are most in need of care."

The Rock River Free Clinic is a primary care clinic that operates out of the Jefferson County Health Department facility Monday through Friday. The mission of the RRFC, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2003 and



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managed by a board of directors, is to provide access to free health services through health professionals dedicated to caring for low-income and uninsured individuals.

Persons who have any questions about the Rock River Free Clinic or would like additional information may contact Kristin Wallace at RRFCDirector@jeffersoncountywi.gov or call the free clinic at (920) 674-7442.